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THE BISHOPS OF NORTH CAROLINA: From the Establishment of the Episcopate in that State down to the Division of the Diocese. By Marshall DeLancey Haywood, Historiographer of the Diocese of North Carolina, Author of *Governor William Tryon*, etc. Raleigh: Alfred Williams & Company.

Mr. Haywood has made a valuable contribution to American biographical and historical literature, in his recently published octavo volume on the first four Bishops of North Carolina. They were notable characters in both Church and State. Ravenscroft was a giant in the days of giants. Ives furnished the sole instance of a Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America defecting to the Church of Rome. Atkinson's wisdom was of great value to the Church in the Confederate States to the University of the South as it came into existence, first before the Civil War, and to the Church both North and South at the close of the civil strife in 1865. Under Bishop Lyman the Church in North Carolina entered upon a new epoch by a division of the Diocese, which up to that time had been coterminous with the State. Mr. Haywood's octavo volume of 252 pages not only presents the lives of these men in such manner as to show the eminent services they rendered to both Church and State, but prefaces the biographies with a chapter on the Office of Bishop; on the Anglican Church in North Carolina, during Colonial and Revolutionary Times; and on the Foundation of the American Episcopate. Thus his work gives the history of an interesting Diocese in an important State of the American Union.

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THE ETHICS OF ST. PAUL. By Archibald B. D. Alexander, M.A. Glasgow: James Maclehose & Sons.

We have in this work the supply of a much needed want. St. Paul's theological and doctrinal development of Christianity, pushed to extremes by later system-makers, has so covered and obscured his essentially ethical spirit and purpose, that the latter is in sore need of vindication and elucidation. In an age so intent as this is upon making Christianity purely a matter of life and conduct, even to the exclusion of dogma or doctrine, St. Paul is indeed in danger of becoming as obsolete as Tertullian

or Calvin. We owe it to the greatest of Christian teachers,—it is the debt of an age which has so one-sidedly represented, if not entirely misrepresented him, to see to it that he shall be known as he is—not in contradiction or even contrast, but in essential and interpretative unity with the mind and spirit and truth, if not the very method, of Jesus himself. This the volume before us fully and satisfactorily accomplishes.

If the ethical teaching of St. Paul be separated wholly and treated quite independently of his doctrinal teaching, there is found in it and can be constructed out of it not only a complete system of national and natural ethics, but a perfect reproduction of the spiritual ethics of Jesus Christ. But more than this our author illustrates and proves: Behind and beneath the ethics proper of St. Paul, his doctrine itself is all pure ethics. "Righteousness" is St. Paul's one theme: properly interpreted that term covers all that ethics can mean or include. When he puts before it as a necessary prefix: "God, as the Lord, our Righteousness," he introduces a doctrine into his ethics. But the doctrine, or dogma if you please, is not something separate or additional; it is the very spirit and power, the soul and life of the ethics. When he adds that the "Righteousness of God" becomes ours only through "Faith"—that, we may say, is another doctrine. But it is only the statement of the manifest ethical fact that God is knowable, and His Spirit and Life communicable, only through the spiritual relation which we call Faith. And so there is not a doctrine in all St. Paul's theology that cannot be resolved into a constituent, and a necessary condition, of the seemingly simpler ethical teaching of Jesus. Jesus was His own ethics; St. Paul was his expounder. The exposition can never be made as simple and natural as the thing itself; but we can never understand the thing without it.

Mr. Alexander has discharged for us a great debt, as well as conferred upon us a great benefit. I thoroughly commend the book to all who would know the true St. Paul—and through him know better the true ethics of Jesus.

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